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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Some facts in connection with the Missionary Society 1905 to 1948

The Womens Missionary Society of Central Presbyterian Church was organized in February 1905, at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Everest Granger, by Mrs. Granger whose husband was the Pastor of the Church.

There were seven charter members. The following were elected officers:

President	-	Mrs. Charles Everest Granger
Vice President	-	Mrs. Geo. F. Lingerman
Secretary	-	Mrs. Richard Wright
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Edwin A. Harper

Mrs. Lingerman was President from 1909 to 1918. In 1918 she resigned and Mrs. David Hock was President for a time, in 1921. Mrs. Lingerman was again elected President.

Mrs. Henry Jockel as Vice President, Mrs. Robert H. Forsyth as Secretary of Literature and Mrs. John B. Hall as Treasurer have all held long time office. Miss Cornelius U. Halsey was a warm friend and member of the Society.

(See beautiful window in Church in honor of Halsey Family)

When the Presbyterian Hospital was started in Newark, one of the rooms was furnished by the Society as well as a room in the Deaconess Home and still another in the home of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Harper in India, known as the Central Guest Room. It supported two Scholarships, one in Wolf Point, Montana, and one in Canton, China, meeting its apportionments to Presbyterian, Synodical and National work. It provided Missionary Boxes to Mission Fields in the South Lands and other Fields, also the Deaconess and the Florence Crittenton Homes. During this period, Arthur E. Harper prepared himself for the Mission Fields assisted by Miss Cornelius U. Halsey. Much credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Meyer, Rev. C. E. Granger and others. He was ordained to the Christian Ministry and is at the present time with his wife Mrs. E. A. Harper, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James Mason working in Punjab Mission, Moga, India.

By vote of Session the 2nd Tuesday of each month (Prayer Meeting's) was set aside as Missionary Night. The Society was requested to conduct same.

On Tuesday evening, June 12, 1944, a triple celebration was observed under the auspices of the Society. The 25th Anniversary of the Westminster (Loyalty Guild) a Young Woman's Missionary Society, among its many activities meeting its apportionments, it was instrumental in providing a new carpet for the Sunday School room at a cost well over a \$1000.00. The 40th Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society was observed, attended by many former members and other friends. The 50th Anniversary in honor of the marriage of Elder and Mrs. Geo. F. Lingerman was observed. Many words of greetings were received from friends and acquaintances. It was attended by a large number of friends and members of the Central Church. A reception was held in the Sunday School rooms.

Mrs. Lingerman resigned as President in March 1946. In April 1946 she was elected President Emeritus. Mrs. Julius C. Peterson was elected President in May 1946 and served until February 1947. Mrs. Lillian S. Greenway was elected President in February 1947 and served until February 1948. Mrs. Verne E. Whitlock was elected President in February 1948, re-elected in February 1949.

The following were members of the Society at the time of their going to be with the Lord.

"It is far better to be absent from the body,  
to be present with the Lord"

Miss Cornelia U. Halsey, Mrs. John B. Ball,  
Mrs. Wm. Cobb, Miss Grace Cobb, Mrs. W. J.  
Renton, Mrs. R. Forsyth, Mrs. C. May, Mrs.  
Helen Krueger, Mrs. J. M. Hauber, Mrs. D.  
Hughes, Mrs. Elmer Vreeland, Mrs. Clara  
Hoelke, Mrs. Redding, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs.  
Frank Zellers, Mrs. Edwin G. Harper, Mrs. J.  
J. Beyerlie, Mrs. Henzie, Mrs. J. Dasher,  
Miss Florence Taylor and Miss Alberta H.  
Anschartz. *Miss Sophie Soeker*

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